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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I have authorized Rear Admiral James M. Zortman, United States Navy; to wear the insignia of vice admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777. This approval will not be executed prior to the expiration of the required 30-day congressional notification period. The Senate previously confirmed Rear Admiral Zortman as the Commander, Naval Air Force, United States Pacific Fleet, and his appointment to vice admiral. Rear Admiral Zortman is projected for promotion upon the retirement of the incumbent, Vice Admiral Michael D. Malone.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Abell
Principal Deputy

cc:

The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee
The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee